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FOR LEONARD DWOR, US OBSERVER TO ACA COMMISSION SESSION

FOL REPEAT MONTREAL 815 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 20 MAY.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTREAL 815

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO
SUBJ: ICAO: AFCAC ATTENDANCE

REF: A. MONTREAL 410 B. STATE 102220

1. HAVING RECEIVED NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR REPLY TO REFTEL A OF 3/14/77, USREP ASSUMES REFTEL B OF MAY 5 IS RESPONSE.
2. USREP REQUESTS THAT FOLLOWING BE TRANSMITTED TO US OBSERVER DWOR AT AFCAC ASSEMBLY, LOME, TOGO MAY 24-JUNE 2.
3. WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIAL EFFORT TO CONTACT PRES/COUNCIL KOTAITE EARLY ON AND COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: EL ALJ OR MOROCCO; BEDARD OF CANADA; HANE OF SENEGAL; OLANIYAN OF
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NIGERIA AND POSSIBLY KENYA AND MADAGASCAR REPS, THAT WE MAY HAVE REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS/AGREEMENTS. FYI: CANADA REP IS ANTI-US AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO UNDERCUT OUR PRESENCE THERE. END FYI

4. AFCAC WILL BE USED BY AF/ARAB STATES TO COORDINATE POSITIONS FOR ICAO ASSEMBLY. SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS

REPRESENT SUBJECTS/ISSUES NOW BEFORE ICAO AND USREP WOULD APPRECIATE THOROUGH REPORT ASAP ON AFCAC ACTIONS (ESPECIALLY ANY CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS). (SOME OF THESE ITEMS COME BEFORE COUNCIL THIS SESSION JUNE 2-24). A. ITEM 8 (AEROSAT) IS ON THE AFCAC AGENDA AS A RESULT OF RECENT ASECNA (SENEGAL) MEETINGS MONTREAL AND WASHINGTON RE S. ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS. B. DRAFT AFCAC/ICAO COOP AGREEMENT IS BEFORE COUNCIL THIS SESSION AND MAY GO INTO SEPTEMBER ICAO ASSEMBLY. C. USE OF ARAB LANGUAGE IN ICAO IS PART OF ASSEMBLY WP RE LANGUAGE COSTS VIS-A-VIS INTRODUCTION CHINESE. TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT IN AFCAC WILL BE OF INTEREST, ESPECIALLY ANY INPUT FROM KOTAITE AND SEC. D. THE CACAS/AFCAC AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNIFICANT GOING INTO ASSEMBLY. E. ITEM 16 ON RULE 8 OF COUNCIL'S RULES PROCEDURE STEMS FROM BINAGHI/KOTAITE MID-TERM TURN OVER OF PRESIDENCY AND CRITICISM RE HANDLING DWEMOH CANDIDACY. OUTCOME OF AFCAC WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE PRESENTED COUNCIL JUNE. F. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE THIS YEAR BECAUSE GHANA IS A CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL SEAT AND DWEMOH WOULD BE REP APPARENTLY, LEADING TO ANOTHER TRY FOR COUNCIL PRES IN 3 YEARS. A FULL REPORT ON THE ELECTIONS INCLUDING "CORRIDOR" ACTIVITY WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO KNOW CTE CHAIRMANSIPS. (INFO ON NIGERIAN COUNCIL REP AS CHAIRMAN ATC AT KAMPALA PROVED EXTREMELY USEFUL.)

5. THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ARE OF CURRENT INTEREST/IMPORTANCE TO U.S. MISSION/ICAO ALTHOUGH NOT ON AFCAC AGENDA. A. ANY MENTION OF NOISE RETROFIT PROBLEM RE NIGERIAN AIRWAYS 707'S ON ORDER. CONFIDENTIAL

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(WAS MAJOR FACTOR SIDETRACKING US PROPOSAL IN COUNCIL ON NOISE PROBLEM); B. ANY EFFORT TO CREAT A REGIONAL TECHNICAL PLANNING GROUP (UNDER ITEM 7 ON WORK PROGRAM FOR EXAMPLE). C. PRES. COUNCIL KOTAITE WILL USE CONVENIENCE OF AFCAC TO ATTEMPT ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON SAL/DAKAR FIR ISSUE. PLEASE REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS. HE MAY ASK FOR FURTHER US TECH INPUT ON QUESTION WHILE IN WEST AFRICA (EITHER FAA OR AIRLINES). E. MOROCCO COUNCIL REP IS FLOATING IDEA TO CREATE AN AIR TRANSPORT COMMISSION TO SUPPLEMENT OR REPLACE AT CTE. ANY EFFORT GET AN AFCAC/CACAS COORDINATED POSITION ON PROPOSING THIS TO COUNCIL FOR ASSEMBLY WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT.

6. USREP WOULD CONSIDER IT HELPFUL IF US OBSERVER WOULD EXTEND BEST REGARDS TO DWEMOH/PRES AFCAC. HARPER

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